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SUBJ: ROME PRESS CONFERENCE OF MADAGASCAR POLITICAL LEADER

1. SEMI- OFFICIAL ITALIAN WIRE SERVICE ANSA CARRIED REPORT MAY 16 OF PRESS CONFERENCE HELD BY PASTOR RICHARD ADRIAMANJATO, IDENTIFIED AS LEADER OF CONGRESS INDEPENDENCE PARTY OF MADAGASCAR (AKFM). ARTICLE NOTED THAT ADRIAMANJATO IS PRESIDENT OF UNION OF PROTESTANT CHURCHES OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES, AND WAS A FORMER MAYOR OF TANANARIVE. ACCORDING TO REPORT, ALTHOUGH ADRIAMANJATO HAD OPPOSED DEPOSITION OF TSIRANANA, HE PRESENTLY SUPPORTED MILITARY GOVERNMENT WHOSE GOAL WAS " LIBERATION OF MADAGASCAR FROM FRENCH COLONIALISM." PRESS CONFERENCE HELD UNDER AUSPICES OF INSTITUTE FOR RELATIONS BETWEEN ITALY AND AFRICAN, LATIN AMERICAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN COUNTRIES.

2. ADRIAMANJATO EXPLAINED PARTICULAR GEOGRAPHIC POSITION OF MADAGASCAR, POINTING OUT ITS POLITICAL AND MILITARY SIGNIFICANCE TO INTERESTS AND STRATEGY OF FRANCE, U. S. AND OTHER STATES. IN THIS CONTEXT, HE UNDERLINED PROBLEM OF OIL TRANSPORT, AND MENTIONED EXISTENCE ON ISLAND OF U. S. AND FRENCH " MILITARY BASES".

3. ADRIAMANJATO ASSERTED THAT DESPITE ITS INDEPENDENCE,
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MADAGASCAR IS STILL IN CONDITION OF " COLONIAL SUBJUGATION"
SINCE ITS ECONOMY DOMINATED BY LARGE FRENCH
COMPANIES WHICH " MONOPOLIZED PRINCIPAL SECTORS OF LIFE."
HE STATED PRINCIPAL AIM OF MADAGASCAR' S INTERNAL POLICY IS FULL
INDEPENDENCE BASED ON POPULAR PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT,
AND BROAD REPRESENTATION OF " POPULAR FORCES."

4. IN INTERNATIONAL SPHERE, ADRIAMANJATO ADVOCATED POLICY OF
" ACTIVE NEUTRALISM" OPEN TO RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES. HE
CRITICIZED MADAGASCAR' S ASSOCIATION AGREEMENTS WITH EC,
ASSERTING THAT FRENCH COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL INTERESTS WERE
CHIEF BENEFICIARIES OF THESE ACCORDS. HE PREDICTED COUNTRY
WILL FACE PROBLEMS IN FREELY MANAGING ITS OWN RESOURCES
IN LIGHT OF PROMISING SEARCH FOR OIL NOW IN PROCESS. VOLPE

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